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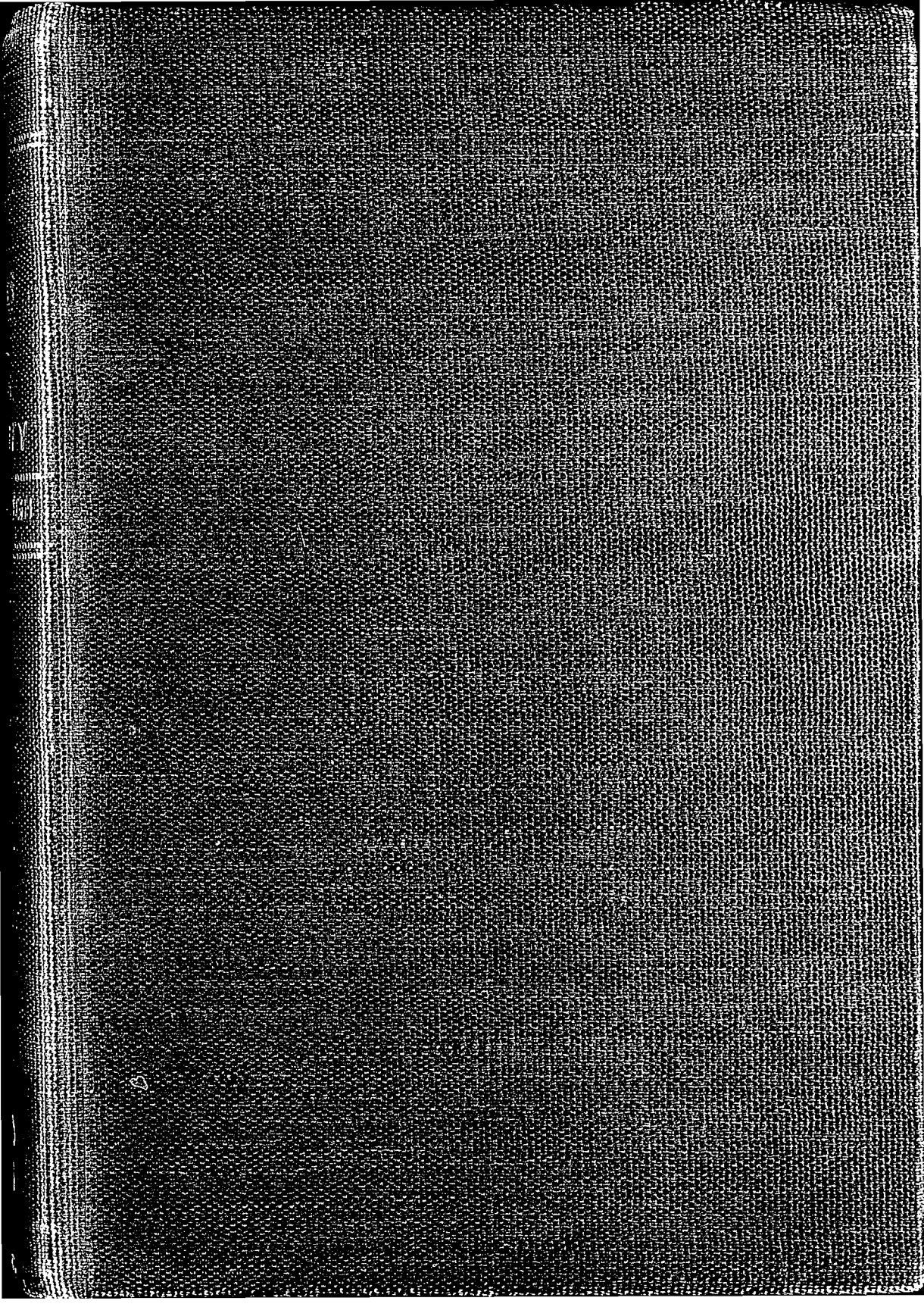
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AN ACT for the establishment and maintenance of a Normal University.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That C. B. Denio, of Jo Daviess county, Simeon Wright, of Lee county, Daniel Wilkins, of McLean county, Charles E. Hovey, of Peoria county, George P. Rex, of Pike county, Samuel W. Moulton, of Shelby county, John Gillespie, of Jasper county, George Bunsen, of St. Clair county, Wesley Sloan, of Pope county, Ninian W. Edwards, of Sangamon county, John Eden, of Moultrie county, Flavel Mosely, of Cook county, William H. Wells, of Cook county, Albert R. Shannon, of White county, and the superintendent of public instruction, *ex-officio*, with their associates who shall be elected as herein provided and their successors are hereby created a body corporate and politic, to be styled "The Board of Education of the State of Illinois," and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession, and have power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to acquire, hold, and convey real and personal property, to have and use a common seal, and to alter the same at pleasure; to make and establish by-laws, and alter or repeal the same as they shall deem necessary for the government of the normal university hereby authorized to be established or any of its departments, officers, students, or employes not in conflict with the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States; and to have and exercise all powers and be subject to all duties usual and incident to trustees of corporations.

SEC. 2. The superintendent of public instruction, by virtue of his office, shall be a member and secretary of said board, and shall report to the legislature at its regular sessions the condition and expenditures of said normal university, and communicate such further information as the said board of education or the legislature may direct.

SEC. 3. No member of the board of education shall receive any compensation for attendance on the meetings of the board, except his necessary traveling expenses, which shall be paid in the same manner as the instructors employed in the said normal university shall be paid. At all the stated and other meetings of the board called by the president or secretary or any five members of the board, five members shall constitute a quorum, provided all shall have been duly notified.

SEC. 4. The objects of the said normal university shall be to qualify teachers for the common schools of this State by imparting instruction in the art of teaching and all branches of study which pertain to a common school education, in the elements of the natural sciences, including agricultural chemistry, animal and vegetable physiology, in the fundamental laws of the United States and the State of Illinois, in regard to the rights and duties of citizens, and such other studies as the board of education may, from time to time, prescribe.

SEC. 5. The board of education shall hold its first meeting at the office of the superintendent of public instruction on the first Tuesday in May next, at which meeting they shall appoint an agent, fixing his compensation, who shall visit the cities, villages, and other places in the State which may be deemed eligible for the purpose, to receive donations and proposals for the establishment and maintenance of the normal university. The board shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to fix the permanent location of said normal university at the place where the most favorable inducements are offered for that purpose: *Provided*, That such location shall not be difficult of access, or detrimental to the welfare and prosperity of said normal university.

SEC. 6. The board of education shall appoint a principal, lecturer on scientific subjects, instructors and instructresses, together with such officers as shall be required in the said normal university, fix their respective salaries, and prescribe their several duties. They shall also have power to remove any of them for proper cause, after having given ten days' notice of any charge which may be duly presented and reasonable opportunity for defense. They shall also prescribe the text books, apparatus, and furniture to be used in the university, and provide the same; and shall make all regulations necessary for its

management. And the board shall have the power to recognize auxiliary institutions when deemed practicable: *Provided*, That such auxiliary institutions shall not receive any appropriation from the treasury or the seminary or university fund.

SEC. 7. Each county within the State shall be entitled to gratuitous instruction for one pupil in said normal university; and each representative district shall be entitled to gratuitous instruction for a number of pupils equal to the number of representatives in said district, to be chosen in the following manner: The county superintendent in each county shall receive and register the names of all applicants for admission in said normal university, and shall present the same to the county court, or, in counties acting under township organization, to the board of supervisors, which said county court or board of supervisors, as the case may be, shall, together with the county superintendent, examine all applicants so presented in such a manner as the board of education may direct, and from the number of such as shall be found to possess the requisite qualifications, such pupils shall be selected by lot; and in representative districts composed of more than one county, the county superintendent and the county judge, or the county superintendent and chairman of the board of supervisors, in counties acting under township organization, as the case may be, of the several counties composing such representative district, shall meet at the clerk's office of the county court of the oldest county, and from the applicants so presented to the county court, or board of supervisors, of the several counties represented, and found to possess the requisite qualifications, shall select by lot the number of pupils to which said district is entitled. The board of education shall have the discretionary power, if any candidate does not sign and file with the secretary of the board a declaration that he or she will teach in the public schools within the State, in case that engagements can be secured by reasonable efforts, to require such candidate to provide for the payment of such fees for tuition as the board may prescribe.

SEC. 8. The interest of the university and seminary fund, or such part thereof as may be found necessary, shall be and is hereby appropriated for the maintenance of said normal university, and shall be paid on the order of the board of education from the treasury of the State; but in no case shall any part of the interest of said fund be applied to the purchase of sites, or for buildings for said university.

SEC. 9. The board shall have power to appropriate the one thousand dollars received from the Messrs. Merriam, of Springfield, Massachusetts, by the late superintendent, to the purchase of apparatus for the use of the normal university, when established, and hereafter, all gifts, grants, and demises which may be made to the said normal university shall be applied in accordance with the wishes of the donors of the same.

SEC. 10. The board of corporators herein named, and their successors, shall each of them hold their office for the term of six years: *Provided*, That at the first meeting of said board, the said corporators shall determine by lot so that one-third shall hold their office for two years, one-third for four years, and one-third for six years. The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall fill all vacancies which shall at any time occur in said board, by appointment of suitable persons to fill the same.

SEC. 11. At the first meeting of the board, and at each biennial meeting thereafter, it shall be the duty of said board to elect one of their number president, who shall serve until the next biennial meeting of the board, and until his successor is elected.

SEC. 12. At each biennial meeting it shall be the duty of the board to appoint a treasurer, who shall not be a member of the board, and who shall give bond, with such security as the board may direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties [of] his office.

SEC. 13. This act shall take effect on and after its passage, and be published and distributed as an appendix to the school law.

Approved February 18, 1857.

PREFACE.

The close of the first quarter century of the history of the Normal School, and the celebration of that event, suggested the idea of the following volume. The work was begun by Messrs. James V. McHugh and George Howell. When about four-fifths of the work had been printed, Mr. Howell disposed of his interest to John W. Cook.

The thanks of the publishers are especially due to those who have contributed articles and have assisted in the collection of information.

The types are not quite intelligible in a few instances. On page sixty-three, Grennell should have appeared instead of "Gunnell;" on page sixty-four, read Stanard instead of "Standard;" on page seventy-one, change "Harwood" to Hurwood; on page ninety-five, change "Levett" to Swett, and on page ninety-six, change "Benton" to Wilder. The above are the only errors of especial note.

It is hoped that the "History" will be of interest to the friends of the school, and that it will contribute to a correct appreciation of an institution that has done its share in promoting the general welfare.

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